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To the U.S. Food & Drug Administration:

I am writing to encourage the FDA to grant petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

It is impossible to move a sick or injured cow to slaughter humanely. Current methods such as the use of chains to drag them or forklifts causes broken bones, bruises, broken necks and undue suffering.

According to industry experts, the vast majority of animals who become "downers" can be prevented by more humane handling. Removing the market of downed animals will encourage the industry to implement more humane techniques.

The marketing of sick or injured animals too weak to stand or, walk is unacceptable.

Sincerely,

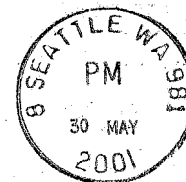
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